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We're Here to Help

One of the central missions of the [Statewide Planning Program](#) is to enable cities and towns to create great communities.

The staff of the Statewide Planning Program is here to help, with everything from document review to data gathering, fact checking to facilitation. Our staff has expertise in a variety of topics, including GIS and mapping, public participation, data analysis, redevelopment planning and urban design.

If you think your community could benefit from the assistance of the Statewide Planning Program, contact Jared Rhodes at 222-5772 or Jared.Rhodes@doa.ri.gov.



On October 23, the U.S. Census Bureau released the 2013 3-Year American Community Survey (ACS) estimates. The estimates

provide characteristics of the nation, all states, and the District of Columbia, all congressional districts and all other geographic areas with populations of 20,000 or more. For each covered area, the American Community Survey includes statistics on more than 40 economic, housing and social topics.

By pooling three years of survey responses, the Census Bureau is able to produce more reliable statistics for more areas of the country than is possible with data compiled from one year of data collection.

Three-year ACS estimates are available for geographies with populations greater than 20,000, and describe the social, economic, and housing characteristics of people and places. These data can be downloaded from American FactFinder at <http://factfinder2.census.gov/> (to find the new data, select *Advanced Search*, and then *Topics > Dataset > 2013 ACS 3-year estimate*).

Comparison profiles are also available at the city, county and state level which compare the latest three-year statistics with the previous three-year data set (2010-2012 and 2011-2013) and whether a difference in the data points is statistically significant.

Statewide Planning's Committee Meetings

State Planning Council

November 20, 2014, 9:00 am
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

Technical Committee -

November 13, & November 24*, 2014, 9:00 am
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

* Special meetings

Transportation Advisory Committee

November 20, 6:30 p.m.
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/>

RISPLS Annual Convention

Friday, November 21st
Hyatt Regency Newport
1 Goat Island, Newport, RI 02840
<http://www.rispls.org/index.htm>,
<http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/calendar.html>

SAVE THE DATES:

The State Planning Council has under consideration adoption of a draft plan entitled "**Solid Waste 2038**" an Element of the State Guide Plan. This draft plan focuses on critical issues and trends for solid waste management. It sets policy foundations for solid waste management in the State and provides goals, strategies and updated information for the effective management of solid waste in Rhode Island. Two public hearings will be held on the adoption of this Plan. The date, time and locations of the hearings are:

- **Monday December 8, 2014**
6:00 to 8:00 PM
Board Room
RI Resource Recovery Corporation
65 Shun Pike
Johnston, Rhode Island
- **Monday December 15, 2014**
6:00 to 8:00 PM
Conference Room A, 2nd Floor
Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill
Providence, Rhode Island

Each hearing will begin with a brief informational presentation followed by opportunity for public comment. The draft plan may be viewed at Statewide Planning's website at: http://www.planning.ri.gov/documents/LU/swmp/171_Preliminary%20Draft_9.26.14.pdf



Natural Resources Conservation Service Rhode Island

Announces Early Signup for EQIP and AMA in FY 2015- Deadline December 19, 2014

Financial and Technical Assistance Available for Farmers and Forest Landowners

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) wants farmers and forest landowners to plan ahead and sign up this year for NRCS conservation funding. Funding is available for private agricultural land and private forestry or woodland owners in Rhode Island under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA). Although NRCS accepts applications on a continuous basis throughout the year, **applications must be received by December 19, 2014 to be considered for FY 2015 funding!** The financial and technical assistance will assist private land owners to address farm, field, forest, wildlife, water and/or plant management issues including:

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| Erosion Control | Grazing Plans |
| Irrigation Systems and Water Wells | Pollinator Habitat-increase crop yields |
| Wildlife Habitat | Fencing |
| Forest Stand Improvement | Woodland Thinning |
| Pasture and Hayland Planting | Riparian Buffers |
| Protections for Heavy Use Areas | Waste Storage Facilities |
| Seasonal High Tunnels-extend growing season | |
| Forestry Management Plans-improve natural resources & potentially reduce real estate taxes | |

For more information, contact: **Natural Resources Conservation Service**, Web site: www.ri.nrcs.usda.gov
E-mail: NRCSInfo@ri.usda.gov Phone: (401) 822-8848

Join us on Tuesday: November 20, 2014 for our Grant Writing Workshop: grant writing is both a skill and a talent that you can learn to do. Registration fee \$99.

Grants help schools, nonprofits and other entities

- improve their facilities,
- provide funds for technology, books and other crucial materials,
- provide funds for enrichment programs like summer camps,
- allow towns, cities, schools and other entities to prepare for emergencies,
- support social programs, such as environmental improvement projects,
- literacy centers and programs that assist people with disabilities.



Those writing to secure a grant need:

- to use persuasive writing to describe their ideas and initiatives, to provide vivid descriptions of the activities that will take place or services that will be provided, and to convince funders that they can successfully put their funds into action.

Our grant writing workshop will provide you with the tools for planning and preparation.

- We show you how to coordinate your planning and research, organize, write and package your proposal, submit your proposal to the funder, and follow-up.

Registration form on our webpage: http://www.uri.edu/prov/certificate_noncredit/noncredit/profdevelopment.html

Workshop will meet at URI Feinstein Providence Campus 80 Washington Street, Providence~ 9am-4pm in Room 329.

All workshops use the Microsoft Office 2013 setting.

- Handouts are filled with shortcuts, step-by-step guides/tips and include instructions for Office 2013, 2010, 2007, and 2003.

Free parking at the RI Convention Center Parking Garage.

Each participant will receive a **Certificate of Completion** for the workshop.

We can run any of our workshops on site at your organization. Contact me for more details.

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2014-2015 URI Landscape Architecture Lecture Series

- **November 13** **Richard Roark**, ASLA, Partner, The OLIN Studio, Philadelphia, PA
Title: "Lifelines: Design for fast Geographies and community resiliency"
- **February 12** **Nathan Socha**, ASLA, Beta Group, Lincoln, RI and
Cheryl Russ, Glen Gate Company, Wilton, CT
Title: Divergent Paths and Common Themes
- **February 26** **Robert Golde**, ASLA, Partner, Towers|Golde, New Haven, CT
Title: "Balancing Long Term Sustainable Solutions with Short Term Client Needs"
- **March 12** **Peter Trowbridge**, FASLA, Trowbridge, Wolf, Michael
Title: "Is this what we call infrastructure?"
- **April 9** **Anne Whiston Spirn**, Author, Photographer, Landscape Architect, MIT, Cambridge, MA
Title: TBA
- **April 23** **Kaki Martin**, ASLA, Klopfer Martin Design Group, Cambridge, MA
Title: TBA

Lectures begin at 7:00 P.M. and are held in the Weaver Auditorium on the Kingston Campus of URI. This series is co-sponsored by the URI College of the Environment and Life Sciences, The Graduate School of Oceanography, The College of Arts and Sciences, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and Landscape Forms. The Kate Orff visit is being co-sponsored by Rhode Island Sea Grant and Anne Spirn by the URI Art Department. All lectures are free and open to the public. The lecture halls are handicapped accessible. General questions about the series may be directed to 874-2983 or to wagre@uri.edu.

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Symposium to Help Coastal-Area Businesses Adapt to Rising Seas

NEWPORT, R.I.: As experts continue to predict significant sea-level rise along New England coast lines, businesses along the coast are vulnerable to a range of major impacts. On Tuesday, Dec. 9 and Wednesday, Dec. 10, the 13th annual Ronald C. Baird Sea Grant Science Symposium will host a public lecture and a one-day conference at Salve Regina University to educate coastal-area business owners and local decision-makers on how to reduce the impacts of flooding on their businesses and their communities.

The 2014 Ronald C. Baird Sea Grant Science Symposium is sponsored by the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography (URI GSO) and the University of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Center (URI CRC), in collaboration with Rhode Island Sea Grant and the Pell Center at Salve Regina University.

The conference, "Staying Afloat: Adapting Waterfront Businesses to Rising Seas and Extreme Storms," will engage business leaders and other decision-makers in dialogue with experts and colleagues on steps they can take to adapt to rising sea levels, major storms, and increasingly high tides. The keynote speaker, John Englander, an oceanographer, author and founder of The Rising Seas Group, will review the science behind sea level rise, the potential for devastating economic impacts, and the kinds of "intelligent adaptation" that all businesses and coastal communities should implement.

"Waterfront businesses in Rhode Island are well aware of the threats they face from flooding. 'Staying Afloat' is an ideal opportunity for them to be able to talk with experts and get the facts about what to do," said Dennis Nixon, director of Rhode Island Sea Grant.

As a special lead-in event for the symposium, Englander will also give a lecture on the evening before the conference at Bazarsky Lecture Hall from 6pm – 8pm. The lecture, "On the Waterfront: Storms, Tides, and Sea Level Rise," is free and open to the public.

"Rising sea level and extreme weather events resulting from climatic change are threatening coastal communities and the businesses found along the waterfronts. The Baird Symposium will address this critical challenge and consider how businesses and communities can adapt and develop resilient strategies to this ongoing environmental challenge," said URI GSO Dean Bruce Corliss.

Dr. Jim Ludes, the Executive Director of the Pell Center at Salve Regina University, noted that the Pell Center is "not only dedicated to bringing multidisciplinary research to a solutions-based arena of politics, policies and ideas, but we are part of this community as well."

Businesses and local officials are encouraged to register for the one-day conference and lecture on Eventbrite at <http://baird-2014.eventbrite.com>. To learn more information, please visit <http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/special-programs/baird/>